

RESOLUTION 2006-21

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR PERMITS ISSUED
UNDER THE BUILDING CODE, CHAPTER 6, OF THE CITY OF
FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, the City Code states that the City Council shall establish the schedule of prescribed fees for all electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and building permits issued under the Uniform Statewide Building Code; and

WHEREAS, this fee schedule was last updated in 2002, and it is now appropriate to amend these fees for the purposes of clarification, realignment with neighboring jurisdictions, and realignment with the City's costs in enforcing the building code; and

WHEREAS, fees were last set by Resolution 2002-9 and prior to that by Resolution 1998-43; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA, that the following schedule of fees for permits issued in accordance with Chapter 6, Buildings, of the City Code is hereby adopted, and shall be effective on August 1, 2006; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this Resolution shall supercede all prior resolutions that established building permit fees.

BUILDING PERMIT FEES:

New Construction (per square foot)	\$0.20	(a)
Alterations (per square foot of area altered)	\$0.20	(a)
Swimming Pools (per square foot of water area)	\$0.20	
Demolition of existing structure (per 1,000 square feet or portion thereof)	\$5.00	(b)
Fence	\$40.00	
System Furniture and Mercantile Shelving (per floor)	\$40.00	
Modular Buildings and Trailers (per unit)	\$40.00	(c)
Elevators, Escalators, Man Lifts (each)	\$200.00	(d)
Repair of Same	\$40.00	(d)
Temporary Certificate for Same	\$40.00	
Sheeting & Shoring, Retaining Walls (per square foot of wall area)	\$0.20	
Low-Voltage door locking systems (per door)	\$5.00	
Cranes (each)	\$90.00	
Sump Pump (each)	\$40.00	
Other (charged per inspection required)	\$40.00	
Plan Review Fees		
30% of square footage charge with a minimum of \$100		
Review of plans by the Arlington Fire Marshall	Cost	(e)

- (a) Square footage calculation includes basement and roof areas.
- (b) In addition, a permit for the demolition of a building or structure shall require posting of a cash escrow bond with the City Treasurer in the amount of \$1.00 per square foot of building to be demolished, with a minimum bond of \$500.00. Said escrow shall be released to the permit holder upon satisfactory completion of the work, and the certification by the Building Inspector that the premises have been made safe and sanitary.
- (c) Additionally, the usual charge of \$0.20 per square foot applies to the foundation and any decking. For temporary trailers, a \$500.00 cash bond shall be posted with the City to ensure removal and clean up.
- (d) In addition to the permit fee NEIS will charge the permit recipient directly for necessary construction and maintenance elevator inspections.
- (e) The actual cost to the City of plan review by the Arlington Fire Marshall shall be added to the permit fee.

ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES

Circuits (each)	\$3.00	
Fixtures & Receptacles (each)	\$0.50	(a)
Receptacles Over 20 Amps (each)	\$5.00	
Outdoor Signs (per unit)	\$15.00	
Service Entrance (New, Replacement, Temporary)		
0-600 Amps	\$40.00	
600+ Amps	\$90.00	
Distribution Panels (each)		
0-600 Amps	\$40.00	
600+ Amps	\$90.00	
Transformers (each)	\$40.00	
Fixed (Hardwired) Appliances (each)	\$10.00	(b)
Electrical Heating and Heat Pump Backup Heat (per KW)	\$1.00	
Motors (each)		
Up to ¼ Horsepower count as fixtures		
Over ¼ Horsepower (per HP)	\$1.00	
Generators (per KW)	\$1.00	
Annual Public Pool Inspection	\$40.00	
Other (charged per inspection required)	\$40.00	

- (a) Includes but is not limited to outlets, light switches, and lighting fixtures.
- (b) Includes but is not limited to stoves, ovens, humidifiers, filters and any other fixture on a dedicated circuit.

PLUMBING PERMIT FEES

Fixture, drain, circulating pump, backflow preventor, pressure reducing valve, electric water heater and similar	\$5.00
Building Sewer, Install, Repair, Relocate, Cap Off	\$40.00
Building Drain or Vent, Install, Repair or Relocate (per riser)	\$40.00
Water Service, New, Replace or Repair	\$40.00
Water Pipe, Repair or Replace (per floor)	\$40.00
Sewage Ejector Pump (each)	\$40.00

MECHANICAL PERMIT FEES

Refrigeration Units (per ton)	\$10.00
Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps (per ton)	\$10.00
Ventilation System Risers (per riser, per floor)	\$15.00
Air Handler (each)	\$20.00
Cooling Tower (each)	\$40.00
Exhaust System (per riser)	\$40.00
Hood (each)	\$40.00
Paint Spray Booth (each)	\$90.00
Fan Coil Units and VAV boxes (each)	\$10.00
Other (charged per inspection required)	\$40.00

FUEL GAS AND OIL PERMIT FEES

Boilers (Hot Water, Low-Pressure Steam, Power, Miniature) (per 100,000 BTU per hour)	\$10.00
Fuel-Fired Space and Unit Heaters (per 100,000 BTU per hour)	\$10.00
Fuel-Fired Furnaces (per 100,000 BTU per hour)	\$10.00
Gas Appliance (each)	\$10.00
Automatic Gas Valve (each)	\$10.00
Extend or Relocate Gas Line	\$15.00
New Service or Manifold (each)	\$40.00
Oil Tanks, New or Abandoned (each)	\$40.00
Other (charged per inspection required)	\$40.00

FIRE SYSTEM PERMIT FEES

Fire Alarm Panel (each)	\$90.00	
Fire Alarm Device (each)	\$2.00	(a)
Sprinkler System Fire Pump (each)	\$90.00	
Sprinkler System Stand Pipe (per floor)	\$10.00	
Sprinkler System Heads (each)	\$1.00	
Review by the Arlington Fire Marshall	Cost	(b)

(a) Includes but is not limited to pull stations, gongs, bells, strobes, flow switches, tamper switches, smoke detectors, heat detectors, and door locks.

- (b) The actual cost to the City of plan review by the Arlington Fire Marshall shall be added to the permit fee.

GENERAL FEE INFORMATION

- (a) The fee for a Certificate of Occupancy shall be \$50.00.
- (b) The fee for street cuts shall be \$40.00 plus ten cents per linear foot for each foot over 25 feet. A performance bond in the amount of \$2,500 or 5% of construction cost, whichever is higher, shall be posted with the City.
- (c) Non-emergency work without a permit shall be charged an investigation fee of \$300.00.
- (d) The minimum fee for any permit shall be \$40.00
- (e) All permits shall have the required state levy collected
- (f) A re-inspection fee of \$40.00 shall be charged for rejected work or work found not ready to be inspected.
- (g) Fees must be collected prior to any permit being issued. For any projects that exceed 15,000 square feet in finished floor area, a non-refundable down payment equal to the estimated plan review fee shall be collected at time of submission.

OUTSIDE AGENCY REVIEWS:

Per City Code Section 6.4, at the discretion of the Building Official plans may be sent to an outside agency for additional plan review. In such cases the applicant shall pay a plan review fee of 10% of the square footage charge (reduced from the normal 30%) plus the full cost of the outside agency review.

REFUNDS:

In cases where the permit is revoked or the project is withdrawn or abandoned, the base permit fee, not including any plan review or third-party fees, shall be refunded at the rate of 50% provided the permittee's written request to the City Building Official has been received within the life of the permit. Refund shall be issued only after a final inspection to confirm the non-completion of the project and that any area involved has been left in a satisfactory condition.

EXTENSION OF TIME:

Upon written application by the permittee and prior to expiration of the permit, the Building Official or his designee may extend the time limit of the permit for a period of six months in accordance with the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code and the Code of the City of Falls Church at no additional fee.

AMENDMENT TO A PERMIT:

Any amendment to a permit shall be subject to additional costs based on the fee schedule.

Reading: 6-12-06
Adoption: 6-12-06
(TR6-23)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the foregoing was adopted by the City Council of the City of Falls Church, Virginia on June 12, 2006 as Resolution 2006-21.

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City Clerk